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News worth sharing.

Homestand. Game 6

▶ Goaltender Ondrej Pavelec eyes the puck as the Jets face the Edmonton Oilers during the second period in Winnipeg, Monday night. The Jets lost to the Oilers, 5-3.

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Jets outshoot the Oilers but net too few

Splash in river, cyclist by graveyard

▶ Witness says she saw car drive away from river after hearing noise, but admits she couldn't be sure it was Mark Stobbe

A strange splashing sound. A cyclist speeding by a graveyard in the dead of night.

The murder trial of Mark Stobbe has heard from more Crown witnesses who say they saw or heard something suspicious the night his wife was killed. But, as has been the case since the trial started in January, none can identify Stobbe as the man who was seen.

"It just wasn't right. It gave me a creepy feeling," Ken Leach testified Monday about coming across a cyclist on the outskirts of Selkirk, Man., shortly after 10 p.m. on Oct. 24, 2000.

Leach had closed his skate-sharpening shop near Winnipeg for the night and was driving home when he saw a large man in dark clothing pedalling along the shoulder, next to a graveyard.

Stobbe has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder in the death of his wife, Beverly Rowbotham.

The Crown alleges Stobbe attacked his wife with a hatchet or axe in their backyard in St. Andrew's, drove the body 15 kilometres to Selkirk with a bicycle in the trunk, then cycled back home and reported her missing later.

The Crown also believes Stobbe dumped his wife's wallet and watch in the Red River to make it look like she had been killed by a robber.

Court also heard Monday from Lorna Truthwaite from Lockport, Man., who said she heard a suspicious noise from the Red River through her bedroom window.

"I heard a splash in the river, like something the size of a baseball had hit the water," she said.

Stobbe told police his wife disappeared while on a late-night grocery trip.

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Festival bids bon voyage to another year

As the city bids adieu to another Festival du Voyageur, organizers says this year's event may have attracted record crowds.

"It was fantastic this year, and we're really, really happy," said executive director Ginette Lavack Walters following the Festival's last day on Sunday. "The park was extremely well attended in that first weekend."

The festival is still crunching the numbers on exact attendance over the 10-day celebration of French culture, but Lavack Walters said more than 30,000 people made it out during the opening weekend.

Lavack Walters pointed to new attractions like the Louis-Riel Look-A-Like Contest, interesting workshops and unusually warm weather for the festival's success this year.

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Snowmobile collision kills 2 teens

Two teen girls are dead after a snowmobile collision near Boissevain, Man., Monday morning.

Killarney RCMP said the collision happened around 11:30 a.m. The two girls, 14 and 17, were riding a snowmobile on a farm property when they collided with a stationary trailer. The trailer was not being used at the time.

ELISHA DACEY

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

▶ The Forks says it's too soon to say whether water levels along the Assiniboine River will be low enough for the Assiniboine Riverwalk to open this summer.

Fate of walkway in hands of Mother Nature

Forks waits to see what nature has in store before decision made on opening walkway ◐ River level predicted to be higher than walkway

It's too close to tell if the Forks walkway will spend another summer underwater.

The City of Winnipeg released its first flood forecast of the year on Monday, and although the initial predictions call for much lower river levels than last year, the Assiniboine River is expected to rise slightly above the level acceptable to open the walkway.

"For us it's too early to predict," Forks VP of marketing and communications Clare MacKay told Metro Monday. "We wait usually until the snow's gone and the ice is melted — we'll have a better idea then."

The city's forecast says favourable weather would see the Red River crest in Winnipeg at 9.18 feet James, while unfavourable conditions between now and spring would bring the crest as high as 14.75 feet James.

A normal summer river level is 6.5 feet James and the river walkway level is 8.5 feet James.

James Avenue

▶ **River levels.** The City of Winnipeg records river levels by comparing it with normal winter ice levels at its James Avenue pumping station.

Last year the river walk remained closed until fall because of high water levels on the Assiniboine River.

"It's a great amenity for the Forks, and people do use it to get to us, so it something we've missed over the past couple of years, especially over those summer months," said MacKay.

"We do follow the city's predictions, and we do take them into account, but it really depends on weather between now and then."

The Forks expects to have a better idea of whether the river walk will open this summer by the end of spring.

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Medic-alert tattoos convey messages to first responders in ways bracelets can't — but do they carry legal weight? Scan code for story.

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Analysts are sounding the alarm over household-debt levels, but are the warnings overblown? Allan Small has more at metronews.ca/investing

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MOTION PASSED

MPs agree to support robocall probe

The House of Commons unanimously passed a motion Monday calling on all MPs to do everything they can to aid an investigation into alleged vote suppression during last spring's election.

The NDP motion asks all MPs to turn over to the RCMP and Elections Canada all information they have on the "despicable" phone campaign aimed at discouraging opposition supporters from voting.

The motion also asks all parties to immediately turn over all documents related to the investigation.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives supported the motion, even though it's their party that's been accused of conducting the dirty-tricks phone campaign, in which voters in several dozen ridings were either harassed or given false information on the location of polling stations.

The Tories deny the charges.

"The calls in question are calls the Conservative Party of Canada placed to its own supporters," Harper said during question period.

"If the NDP has any information that inappropriate calls were placed, and we certainly have information in some cases and we have given that to Elections Canada, then I challenge that party to produce that information and give it to Elections Canada."

Commons Speaker Andrew Scheer rejected a Liberal request for an emergency debate on the controversy since Elections Canada and the police are already investigating the matter.

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Grits take blame for Vikileaks

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Liberal Leader Bob Rae rises in the House of Commons on Monday to announce that one of his staffers had been responsible for attacks on Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews.

Rae reveals one of his staffers was behind Toews-baiting campaign

A Liberal party researcher has resigned for tweeting salacious information about Public Safety Minister Vic Toews to protest the government's online surveillance bill.

Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae told a stunned House of Commons that one of his staffers was responsible for creating the Vikileaks30 Twitter account that circulated alleged details of Toews' divorce.

Rae said the offending staffer — later identified as Adam Carroll — had resigned, and the leader extended a full apology to Toews.

"I discussed the matter with that individual this morning. He offered his resignation and I've accepted his resignation," Rae told the Commons.

Rae said one of the things that makes public life difficult is when "political attacks become personal."

"I want to offer to the minister my personal apology to him for the conduct of the member of my staff."
INTERIM LIBERAL LEADER BOB RAE

Two weeks ago, Toews was pilloried on the web over his sponsorship of the controversial Internet surveillance bill.

The legislation has alarmed civil libertarians because it would allow authorities access to Internet subscriber information — including name, address, telephone number and email address — without a warrant. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Investigators look to black box for clues in VIA derailment

Railway officials grappled Monday with the deaths of three of their own in a "rare" deadly passenger-train derailment as investigators focused on a black box that captured the crew's final moments — crucial evidence in the case.

Three locomotive engineers were killed in Sunday's devastating crash in Burlington, Ont., west of Toronto. It was the first time in more than a decade that VIA Rail employees were killed aboard one of the company's trains in a derailment.

Two of the engineers, Peter Snarr, 52, and Ken Simmonds, 56, both of Toronto, were experienced drivers, each with more than 30 years in the industry, VIA said. A trainee, Patrick Robinson, 40, of Cornwall, Ont., joined them in the cab to observe, though investigators haven't ruled out the possibility that he was driving at some point.

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▶ Flowers and a sign are seen Monday near the crash site of the VIA Rail train derailment in Burlington, Ont.

As investigators pored over the wreckage, the head of VIA Rail said the derailment that killed the men and injured 45 passengers has sent shockwaves through the close-knit company. In an afternoon visit to the site, VIA president and CEO Marc Laliberté called the collision "tragic," but stressed it was a rare occurrence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Safety record

- Hundreds of non-fatal derailments are reported each year, the majority of them involving freight trains on secondary lines.
- The most recent deaths recorded aboard a VIA Rail train were in 1999. Two engineers were killed after a train jumped the tracks and plowed into parked freight cars in Thamesville, Ont.

Industry Minister Paradis fires back in ethics dispute

Industry Minister Christian Paradis says he is examining his options — including legal ones — amid calls for an investigation into the transfer of an employment insurance processing centre into his riding.

Paradis says there was an open process to choose the new location and he's outraged at the suggestion of unethical activity.

The NDP is asking the federal ethics commissioner to investigate. It says there was no reason to move the centre from Rimouski, which is in one of the party's Quebec ridings, to Thetford Mines.

The new site is held by Paradis in one of the few Quebec ridings held by the Conservatives. Paradis is Prime Minister Stephen Harper's lieutenant in the province.

A Montreal newspaper reported last week that the centre will rent an office from a business partner of Paradis' father.

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Jury selection underway in Tori Stafford murder trial

Jury selection began Monday in the trial of a man accused of killing an eight-year-old girl who went missing outside her southwestern Ontario school.

Michael Rafferty, 31, is charged with first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping in the death of Victoria Stafford.

The trial proper is expected to begin next week and last three months, though Superior Court Judge Thomas Heeney told potential jurors Monday that the trial could last into June.

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▶ Victoria "Tori" Stafford

Iqaluit housing-complex fire leaves dozens homeless

Dozens of Nunavut students are homeless and without any of their possession after a fire razed an apartment block in the middle of a frigid Arctic night in Iqaluit.

Officials said Monday that two people living in the building had not been located by mid-afternoon. RCMP were not confirming any injuries or deaths in the blaze, which began late Sunday night.

There was, however, no doubt about the fire's impact. "Most people have lost everything," Iqaluit Mayor Madeleine Redfern said Monday.

Fire broke out in the 22-unit building about 10 p.m. Sunday in –50 C temperatures, Redfern said. Witnesses said the blaze began in a central unit and spread quickly as it was whipped along by heavy winds.

Most of the residents were students at Nunavut Arctic College and their family members.

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Murdoch's Sun tabloid bribed sources: Police

Accusation follows launch of Sunday edition Inquiry shifts from press practices to corruption

Rupert Murdoch's top-selling U.K. tabloid, The Sun, had a culture of making illegal payments to corrupt public officials in return for stories, a senior police officer said Monday, as Murdoch announced that the paper's first-ever Sunday edition had sold more than three-million copies.

Sue Akers, a Metropolitan Police deputy assistant commissioner, told Britain's media ethics inquiry that the newspaper openly referred to paying its sources and that such payments had been authorized at a senior level.

Her comments came the day Murdoch's company paid former teen singing sensation Charlotte Church $949,020 in a phone-hacking settlement for violating her privacy.

Akers said Sun journalists had paid not only police officers but also military, health and other government officials. One official received a total of $126,536 over several years, Akers said, and one journalist had been given more than $237,255 in cash to pay his sources. She said payments went far beyond acceptable practices such as buying sources a meal or a drink.

"A network of corrupted officials" had provided The Sun with stories that were mostly "salacious gossip," said Akers. She did not indicate when or if payments had ended, but Murdoch insisted that practices have changed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Germany gives nod to Greece's second bailout

The German parliament approved a second, $173-billion US loan package for Greece on Monday after Chancellor Angela Merkel warned lawmakers that it would be irresponsible to abandon the country to bankruptcy. Although the motion was always expected to be approved — the idea of bailing out Greece has remained very unpopular in Germany among the public and many politicians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Picture. Screen

▶ A man draws a picture on a new Samsung Galaxy Note at the Mobile World Congress, the world's largest mobile-phone trade show, in Barcelona on Monday.

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Spain hosts a host of phones

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LOOKING FOR LOVE IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA

SHE SAYS ...

JESSICA NAPIER
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We all have our vices. Some people smoke, some drink, some binge on Oreos. My sin of choice is a not-so-healthy interest in (ahem, obsession with) bad reality television, particularly The Bachelor.

I remember watching the first episode of the now-infamous dating show in high school. Ten years and 16 seasons later, I still love watching doe-eyed dental hygienists compete for the affections of rose-wielding Prince Charmings.

Knowing the success rate of these made-for-TV romances, you have to wonder who on Earth would ever sign up for this show?

When the national casting call for The Bachelor Canada came to town, I knew I had to stop by. I needed to find out how so many smart, successful, attractive women end up looking for love in the most public and potentially humiliating way possible.

When I arrived at the auditions, I was surprised and a bit disappointed to enter a room full of normal-looking ladies. No crazy models or emotional basket cases, just average women dressed in their best first-date outfits. Where were the vapid fame whores, the mentally unstable divorcees, the hopelessly romantic cheerleaders, and why weren't any of them in evening gowns?

"When I arrived at the auditions, I was surprised and a bit disappointed to enter a room full of normal-looking ladies. No crazy models or emotional basket cases, just average women dressed in their best first date outfits."

None of the women I saw were past their primes — many of them were barely of legal drinking age — so why were they resorting to reality television in order to find The One?

Rachel, a 29-year-old banker, told me that it just happens to be the right timing for her. "I'm pretty adventurous," she said, "so why not give it a try?" Personally, I can think of a million reasons why, but I had to admire her confidence.

But how do these hopeful contestants plan on dealing with the pressure and the inevitable infighting that comes along with this not-so-monogamous dating situation? Twenty-eight-year-old Barbra told me that she might not get along with everyone on the show, but she plans on treating it like a job. "You don't necessarily like your co-workers," she said. "But you make an effort to tolerate them in order to get the job done." Maybe that's true, but your co-workers aren't hooking up with your boyfriend in an adjacent hot tub.

Ultimately, most of the hopeful bachelorettes were pretty sincere and genuinely hoping to fall in love. I guess if you haven't met anyone through your friends and you've failed at online dating, going in front of the camera to look for Mr. Right is just the next logical option for today's single ladies.

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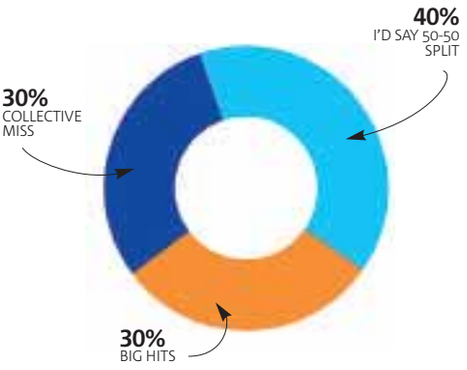

Local tweets

- **@philgass:** Oduya may be on the move. Wonder if the #Jets will have to deliver him to his destination in 30 minutes or get no compensation. #freepizza
- **@iam_canuck:** Twitter "kills" a lot of people, but today it makes fake trades. Well done Twitter.
- **@BauerHockeyGirl:** BREAKING NEWS: Winnipeg Jets trade "elite" player Nik Antropov for a bucket of pucks and new ice girls!! #GreatTrade #TradeCenter
- **@ShelleyACook:** I'm not ready for this whole @NHL trading thing. The @NHLJets just got here, I'm not ready to let any of them go...
- **@PuckDucky:** Winnipeg claims Clitsome. Those lucky Peg fans get to giggle over that name the rest of the season now.
- **@leiflarsen:** I'm so honoured to have my riding, Winnipeg South Centre, mentioned as a possible #robocall ridings. #Yay-Democracy
- **@KristinHursh:** Dear Optimist, Pessimist & Realist, While you were all arguing about that glass of water, I drank it. - The Opportunist

Daily Zoom

SANDRO SANTIOLI/SOLENT NEWS

The mystic river

River looks like unearthly tree

ICELAND. With an eerily enchanting landscape, this stunning photo looks like it was taken on an alien planet. But it was actually captured aboard a Cessna light aircraft flying over Iceland. Here, what appears to be a tree is in fact a river running in many different streams. MWN

"There were many challenges. The first was whether I was able to endure the stress of flying in a tiny, vibrating aircraft that would dip suddenly on hitting the air currents."
SANDRO SANTIOLI, PHOTOGRAPHER

Shooting Iceland

- **Racking up air miles.** Santioli spent 70 hours of flight time to capture his images.
- **Coping with the elements.** Windows had to be kept open for the flight, but extreme cold then entered the cabin.

SANDRO SANTIOLI

- **Santioli's favourite photo?** The Blue Lagoon (pictured above). It's of hot springs, but from above it looks like ants in milk.

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2 scene

Scene in brief

The Canadian hockey comedy Goon is scoring big at the theatres. Alliance Films says the hockey flick claimed the top spot at the Canadian box office this weekend. It grossed an estimated $1.2 million. The film stars Seann William Scott and Liev Schreiber as on-ice bruisers who barrel their way through the minor leagues. Goon was written by Jay Baruchel and Evan Goldberg and co-stars Alison Pill. Other films that opened last weekend include the Paul Rudd-Jennifer Aniston comedy Wanderlust, Tyler Perry's Good Deeds and the Navy SEALs flick Act of Valor, which topped the box office south of the border. Director Michael Dowse (Fubar, It's All Gone Pete Tong) shot Goon in Winnipeg and nearby Portage la Prairie, Man.

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Singer Charlotte Church looks past phone hacking case after tabloid settlement

OUR OSCAR FAVOURITES

Sure, The Artist won Best Picture. But here's what we'll remember about the 2012 Academy Awards.

THE SINCERE SPEECHES

...mostly devoted to Martin Scorsese. Here's the most popular words from the night's acceptances.

THE BEST DRESSED, ACCORDING TO TWITTER

During the red carpet, these ladies got the most positive buzz.

BEST QUOTE

"BUT WHATEVER."

—Meryl Streep, after saying America may be sick of seeing her at the Oscars.

THE BIGGEST LAUGH

The Wizard of Oz focus group—a reunion of Waiting for Guffman stars Christopher Guest, Eugene Levy, Fred Willard and more. Said Willard's audience member:

"I DIDN'T LIKE IT TILL THEY GOT TO THE FLYING MONKEYS."

Close second: Justin Bieber.

ANGIE'S LEG

When taking the stage to introduce the Best Screenplay categories, Jolie struck a curiously powerful pose, exposing most of her right leg. The move inspired some instant imitation, a new Internet meme called "legbombing." Here's a look at her leg's impact, by the numbers.

Tweets per minute posted about Jolie after her leg-baring appearance: 3,399

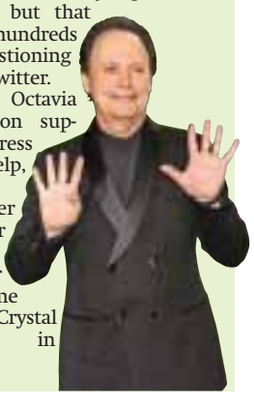
Number of followers the new Twitter account @AngiesRightLeg collected within four hours of its creation: 8,511

Number of Oscar winners to parody the strong pose: 2 (Descendants co-writers Jim Rash and Nat Faxon)

Billy's blackface sparks Twitter talk

Some are questioning Billy Crystal's impression of Sammy Davis Jr. in his opening number as Oscar host. As part of Crystal's opening montage, he parodied Woody Allen's Midnight in Paris, going back in time to the 1920s. Then Crystal, performing as Davis in blackface, popped up and suggested they go kill Hitler.

Crystal played Davis the same way many times on Saturday Night Live in the 1980s, but that didn't stop hundreds from questioning the bit on Twitter.



When Octavia Spencer won supporting actress for The Help, comedian Paul Scheer tweeted her win "shows just how far we've come since Billy Crystal performed in Blackface."

A-Listers pack Vanity Fair's Oscar after-party

On Sunday, Vanity Fair's held its always compact A-list Academy Award after-party at West Hollywood's Sunset Tower Hotel, one of several parties following the 84th annual Academy Awards at the Hollywood & Highland Center. Starlets and Oscar nominees and winners mingled. Jonah Hill, nominated for as best supporting actor for Moneyball, smiled and shouted out a sassy expletive decrying his and the film's loss, surrounded by a pack of friends, including Seth Rogen. Rogen, who hosted Saturday's Film Independent Spirit Awards, also laughed and drank with fellow funny guy Jason Segel, star of The Muppets movie.

In one corner booth tucked to the side of the party's outdoor patio, Gwyneth Paltrow held court with her Coldplay husband Chris Martin and silver screen vet Jane Fonda, while talking with Cameron Diaz.

Sean Young arrested at post-Oscars bash

Los Angeles police say actress Sean Young was placed under citizen's arrest after a fight at the official post-Oscars party. The 52-year-old star of Blade Runner and Stripes was arrested at the Governor's Ball at 9:25 p.m. Sunday and was booked at the Hollywood police station for investigation of misdemeanour battery. City News Service says she posted $20,000 bail and was released at 2:55 a.m. Monday. Police Sgt. Enrique Mend wouldn't give details about the incident.

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The leg that launched a thousand memes

Angelina Jolie's Oscar stance still subject of much discussion

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Angelina Jolie

THE WORD

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It's two days after the Oscars and the world isn't talking about how Billy Crystal did as a host (meh!), who won (The Artist! A lot!), or who lost (Viola Davis, you were robbed!).

Nope. The world is focused on one thing: Angelina Jolie's leg.

Her awkward red carpet stance, in which she made sure her right leg was constantly on display through the slit in her black velvet Atelier Versace gown, is a pose that has launched a thousand Internet memes.

There's a Twitter handle — @AngiesRightLeg — that is nearing 15,000 followers with tweets like, "You have to admit I'm one hell of a leg!" and also a Tumblr account entitled "Angelina Jolie'ing," where readers can upload photos of themselves showing off their ashy thighs.

There's no reason for why she stood like that, time and time again. (My theory: Her bony leg was poking out to sniff around for a sandwich.)

But perhaps the funniest mocking of the leg came from The Descendants co-writer Jim Rash, who hit the stage with Alexander Payne and Nat Faxon to accept the award for Best Adapted Screenplay. The look was quickly imitated by Rash and Faxon, but the scribes insist they weren't mocking the actress.

"She's supremely hot," Faxon said backstage at the awards show, while Rash was quick to explain his actions: "I just saw her pose and I thought, you know what, we have exactly the same legs," the writer, who also stars in the sitcom Community, said. "It was more like, 'Oh, she's standing great, I'm going to stand like that, too.'"

Rash better watch it. No one mocks Angelina Jolie in front of her face and gets away with it. The last person to do that was Billy Bob Thornton, and we're pretty sure he's currently working at a Cracker Barrel in Parissapany, N.J.

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Kevin Federline

K-Fed's parenting tips

Kevin Federline is determined to keep his two sons with Britney Spears grounded — even if it means working in fast food.

"I'll have them working at Micky D's. That's how we had to do it. I worked at a car wash. I worked at a pizza place. Things like that made me," Federline tells Australia's Herald Sun.

"Sean and Jayden have missed out on so much of that with me and their mom being so busy all the time. Now we've both agreed that this is it, they are going to be at school and learn what it's like to be part of society as normal kids." METRO

3 life

Up and down

Adele
Throat surgery may have stopped her from singing, but not from swearing. The rumour she was taking a five-year break from singing is false – phew. We just want her to keep dating bad boys and keep getting dumped so she can keep on making albums for us to enjoy.

Gaga's health
First we hear all about how she stays in shape with Bikram Yoga (so 2010) then we find out she used to be bulimic. It's a serious illness and we hope she isn't saying this to be her usual shocking self.

Health Canada reviewing MS drug Gilenya, linked to 11 deaths outside Canada

How to $tay $ane

You worry about money — maybe a little too much Charles Richards, psychotherapist and author of The Psychology of Wealth, tells us how to find the balance

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On this page, we often write about relationships — with food, exercise, significant others. But it's time we addressed a topic that's equally influential, and sometimes completely dysfunctional: your relationship with money.

According to Charles Richards, author of The Psychology of Wealth, money doesn't just indicate power, but has power — we are infused by its energy. And if you're not prepared to manage that energy constructively, it will manage you, often negatively. Here are four typical situations on how to deal.

I've lost my job and my money. How can I find the will to live?
"Situations can change in a heartbeat, so when your identity is tied to what you have or what you do, it's a dangerous place to live from," says Richards. "If being rich, popular and successful gives you meaning and for some tragic reason you can't be that person anymore, you could think your life is over. Connect with a deeper part of yourself (spiritual belief or meditation) that goes beyond what you have and what you do."

I'm petrified of failure.
"Don't let fear of failure stop you from moving forward," says Richards. "Successful people fail many times but they just persevere and take full responsibility for what is going on. Failure is a problem but there's always a way out of it, just as long as you use a little initiative to find out what that is."

All I want in life is to make money. Is that healthy?
"You can be rich financially but have a poverty of soul if that wealth is just self serving. Anyone aiming for greater financial success should serve a higher purpose (philanthropic or spiritual, environmental or health) or strive to empower others."

All this recession talk is making me anxious. How can I stay upbeat despite the current financial turmoil?
Stop listening to the messages of doom and gloom all the time. "Do you want it to be your reality? No, so shut out the drumbeat that comes from the media. Yes, there's a reality to what's going on but if you allow yourself to be influenced by the media bombardment about financial meltdown and hardship then it's going to become a reality for you. Don't assume it's going to become your truth and it won't."

I'm in financial trouble — I can't think, I can't sleep and I'm super stressed!
You can't ignore the practical reality. You have to face it head on.

"Make a plan with clear goals to ease the stress and turn the situation around. This will take discipline, delayed gratification, practical thinking and decision-making. Financial challenges can be positive in that they stimulate creativity as you are forced to find a way out. Once your self worth is healthier you tend to be more expansive in your thinking. You won't be successful until you are willing to take responsibility."

The biggest losers

One third of multi-million dollar lottery winners lose all their new-found wealth — and often end up worse off than before they won.

$5.4M Evelyn Adams hit the jackpot twice but that didn't stop her from wasting winnings on her gambling addiction. She ended up broke and living in a trailer park.

$1.9M Welshman Luke Pittard spent it all on a trip to the Canary Islands, a house and a wedding. And just 18 months later he was flipping burgers at McDonalds.

$93K Lindsay Lohan didn't exactly win the lottery but being a child star is similar in the luck department. Celebrity website TMZ reports that the actress hasn't paid her 2009 income tax, let alone 2012.

Financial tips

1. **Change your mindset when it comes to money and success.** Expose yourself to information on finance and success. A short cut is to read biographies of successful people you admire so you can tap into that energy and find out how they live and think.
2. **Set yourself clear goals and strive to meet them.** One person lives in a trailer park and the other drives around in a limo. Whatever the one in the trailer is doing or thinking is likely not the way to go, so do the opposite and you can be the one in the limo.
3. **Be fulfilled.** Some people are not financially wealthy but are simply fulfilled in their lives because they do doing what their passion is and are incredibly wealthy because of that.

THE GOOD-WELL MEN

These guys love making money and love giving it away.

WARREN BUFFETT

One of the richest men in the world, Buffett is known as being ruthlessly frugal with his money. This hasn't stopped him from donating an estimated 99 per cent of his fortune to charity.

BILL GATES

The Microsoft founder and his wife, Melinda, use their money (an estimated $56 billion) to fund the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which tackles poverty in developing countries.

DONALD TRUMP

Convinced of her innocence in the Meredith Kercher murder case, the property tycoon financially supported Amanda Knox's family throughout the trial and appeal.

French dining misses mark

In Ferno's offers an enticing menu, but items don't live up to expectations

LUNCH RUSH

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The Char Artique ($23.95).

While visiting the shops of beautiful St. Boniface one afternoon, I decided to finish my excursion by dining in the area.

After scouting a few establishments, I settled on In Ferno's Bistro, as its menu sounded divine.

Upon entering the bistro, I was surprised at how cramped, dark and plain it was. Nevertheless, I decided decor doesn't fill a belly.

I ordered the Duck Confit Pot Stickers ($11.95) as an appetizer, expecting a tender filling of duck enrobed by a steamed and slightly crisp wrapper.

I got the tender filling but in the form of a deep-fried dumpling. This was nowhere near a proper pot sticker.

The Char Artique ($23.95) tasted quite good but the fish was over cooked and dry.

Service at the restaurant was also hit and miss. While my food came out quickly, my waitress seemed scattered and, as the service progressed, she became increasingly rude.

The food at Inferno Bistro, while not bad, could have been better.

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Rating: 3 out of 5

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Indian Raita Slaw

Preparation:

1. In bowl, combine yogurt, mayonnaise, cucumber, lime juice, honey, cumin seeds, mint and pepper, mixing well. Add cabbage and carrot; toss to coat.
2. Chill for at least 1 hour before serving. Toss again before serving.

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Ingredients:

- 175 ml (3/4 cup) plain yogurt
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 250 ml (1 cup) finely diced cucumber
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) lime juice
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) honey
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) toasted cumin seeds
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh mint
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
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The largest benefit of an RRSP loan is that the more you contribute, the more you'll earn through compounded returns. Let's say you decide not to borrow $10,000 to maximize your RRSP at age 30. That $10,000 compounded at nine per cent for 25 years adds up to $86,000 before tax when you're 55. Thus, you would miss out on $76,000 of compounded returns. Meanwhile, your $10,000 RRSP loan at six per cent interest, paid off over 12 months, would cost you less than $350 in interest. Calculate your own borrowing scenario on bankrate.com. You're a good candidate for an RRSP loan if:

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ON MONEY

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It used to be that prospective homebuyers would zero in on three places while searching for added value — kitchen, bathroom and rec room. A kitchen island, separate shower and finished basement, preferably with a tiki bar, were guaranteed to draw offers.

Then along came whirlpool tubs, children's wings, great rooms and soaring foyers. But what comes around goes away in the real estate market.

Today, value-conscious buyers and profit-conscious builders are opting for less is more. On the wane are sunrooms, outdoor kitchens, two-storey family rooms and media rooms.

But popular once again are basics such as well-planned spaces, storage and functional (not necessarily fancy) outdoor areas.

The lesson for those house shopping this spring — in the still mostly vibrant Canadian real estate market — is to spend your money on features that are difficult or expensive to add later. The right choices now will pay off when you become a seller. According to a 2011 AVIDBuilder.com survey, Canadian buyers are most eager for the following three home features or qualities:

1. Efficiency The soaring foyer may look great but give it a pass if re-sale value is important. Two-storey rooms and open fireplaces also have reduced appeal because of rising heating costs.

2. Spaces not rooms The number of rooms or overall square-footage is less important than how they fit together. Increasingly buyers are drawn by a home's flow and utility rather than its statistics.

3. Green, green, green This includes not only energy efficiency in windows, appliances and insulation, but also green building products to reduce or eliminate concerns over toxicity.

There are three specific home features Canadians adore:

1. Walk-in closets
2. Linen closets
3. Family-style kitchens

While the survey was primarily focused on features desired by Canadians shopping for homes south of the border, they hold true in every real estate market over time.

Conspicuous consumption in a home can appeal temporarily, but if you are shopping for the best value, pay attention to the basics.

HANDOUT

▶ Alison's money rule: When home shopping, focus on good bones to achieve the best bang for your real estate buck.

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THE CASE OF THE BROKEN TOBOGGAN

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Dear Charles,
Last weekend we borrowed a plastic toboggan from the neighbours. The kids did run over some rocks that damaged the underside of the neighbour's board. As soon as we got home, we went to the store and bought a new one for them, since we damaged theirs.
Now for the dilemma: I intended to give to the neighbours both the old and the new toboggan. But my husband thought, since we are replacing the old one with a new one, we should keep the old one. This has become an interesting debate in our neighbourhood now, with every man on the street indicating they would keep the old one (just like an insurance company pays you money for your damaged car and then keeps the car). Every woman on the street thinks that the original should be returned, though (we didn't own the original, so we can't just claim it as ours. As well, it is still 'useable' — so why should I end up making a 'profit' from damaging the original and get to have a spare board now). Can you help?
Thank you! Julia

Dear Julia,

I don't know why but this seems like such a simple and clear-cut discussion. No, you cannot keep the damaged toboggan because you are not an insurance company, and your neighbour did not have this item insured with you.

Thus you cannot apply the same rules and logic from the insurance company to yourself.

It was absolutely correct to purchase a replacement and return the new and broken toboggan to your neighbour.

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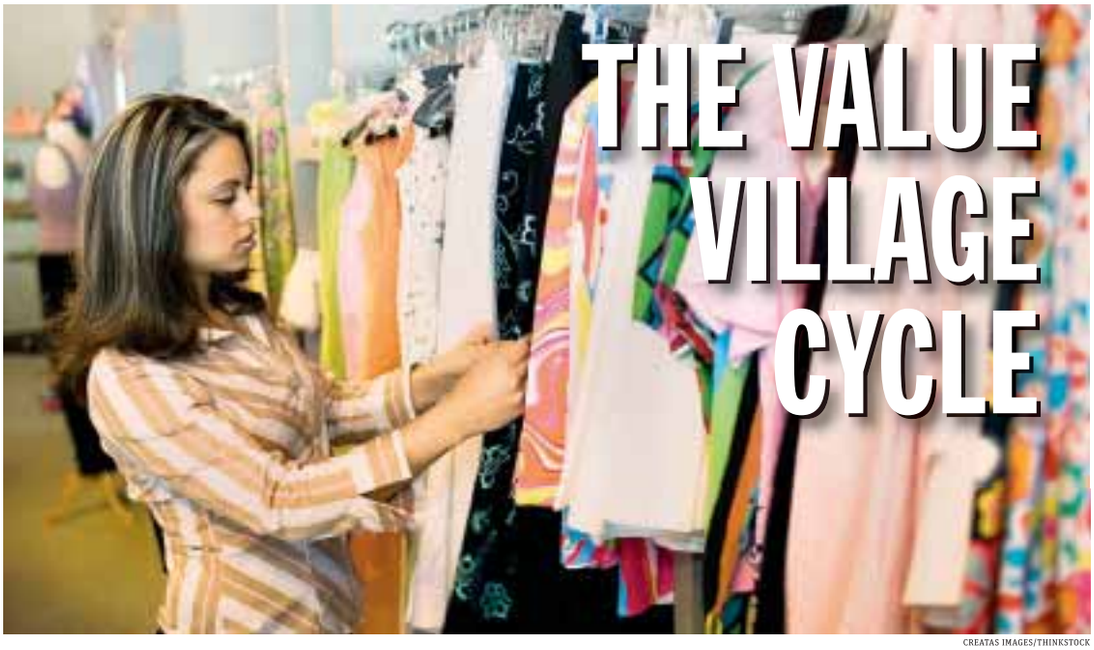

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Jets let game get away

Petrell, Hall lead Oilers to win Edmonton scores four times in third period

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Edmonton's Taylor Hall gets a shot off in front of Winnipeg's Tobias Enstrom.

Lennart Petrell and Taylor Hall both had a goal and an assist as the Edmonton Oilers scored four times in the third period to down the Winnipeg Jets 5-3 on Monday.

Petrell assisted on Hall's winner at the 9:24 mark of the third as Edmonton (25-31-6) had its third win in four games. Ryan Whitney, Ryan Jones and Jordan Eberle also scored for the Oilers.

Edmonton improved its road record to 9-20-2 with the win.

Kyle Wellwood and Alex Burmistrov both scored in the second period for Winnipeg (30-27-8), while Nik Antropov added a goal with 1:10 left in the game.

Winnipeg defenceman Dustin Byfuglien added two assists to extend his points' streak to a career-high seven games with two goals and 11 assists during that span.

Devan Dubnyk made 27 saves for the win, while Ondrej Pavelec stopped 20 shots for the Jets.

The loss may hurt Winnipeg in the long run. The eighth-placed Jets had an opportunity to put distance between them and the idle Washington Capitals and Toronto Maple Leafs.

Those two teams are one and three points behind Winnipeg for the East's final playoff spot, respectively.

The Jets are now 4-1-2 in their last seven games. The Oilers are 3-3-0 in their last six.

Edmonton outshot Winnipeg 12-7 in a scoreless first period that didn't have any penalties.

Both teams used the power play to kickstart the game's scoring in the second.

Wellwood's scored his 13th of the season while Hall was in the penalty box for hooking.

Burmistrov sent a pass across the front of the net to Wellwood at the side of the crease and he slapped the puck past Dubnyk at 15:45.

Just 22 seconds later, Winnipeg forward Evander Kane was sent to the box for roughing, Whitney scored his second goal of the season with a low shot from just inside the blueline that went by a screened Pavelec at 18:13.

Winnipeg made it 2-1 during a four-on-four with 31 seconds left in the period on a goal that looked a lot like Wellwood's.

This time, it was Byfuglien who sent a pass across the front of the net to Burmistrov at the side, who fired in his own 13th of the season.

Both teams went 2-for-3 on the power play. Heading into the game, the Oilers' power play was ranked third in the league at 21.2 per cent, while Winnipeg's was eighth (18.9).

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"People start gravitating your way when you start having success."

TORONTO BLUE JAYS SLUGGER JOSE BAUTISTA, ON MAKING THE TRANSITION FROM BEING A PART-TIME PLAYER STRUGGLING TO STAY IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES A FEW YEARS AGO TO BEING A TEAM LEADER.

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Canucks trade Hodgson to add 'power'

Mike Gillis wanted to change the balance of power on his own team as well as in the Western Conference.

The Vancouver Canucks general manager made a splash at Monday's NHL trading deadline by sending slick rookie centre Cody Hodgson to the Buffalo Sabres for burly winger Zack Kassian. Both are former first-round draft choices.

"We needed to have more power," Gillis told Vancouver radio station Team 1040. "We have enough skill."

Hodgson ranks among league leaders in rookie scoring with 16 goals and 17 assists. The transaction highlighted an otherwise moderate day of trading.

Several teams, including the Calgary Flames, remained on the sidelines rather than participate in the flurry of deals common on previous deadline days. As a result, some prized players, including Columbus Blue Jackets captain Rick Nash and Canucks backup goaltender Cory Schneider, stayed put with their clubs.

Jets deal

With a playoff spot in sight, Winnipeg Jets general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff tinkered only slightly with his lineup Monday.

The Jets made just one deal prior to the 3 p.m. ET NHL trade deadline, sending defenceman Johnny Oduya to the Chicago Blackhawks for two draft picks. The club also picked up blue-liner Grant Clitsome off waivers.

Nash requested a trade last month, according to Blue Jackets general manager Scott Howson. Howson said there were "significant discussions," but no deal was struck.

"The price was high," Howson said. "And I don't apologize for that."

Nash's non-trade was emblematic of a relative tranquil deadline day. There were 16 deals, but nothing that came close to altering the fabric of the NHL universe.

The Nashville Predators spent the future for the present by adding left wing Andrei Kostitsyn and two-way forward Paul Gaustad in exchange for a slew of draft picks.

Nashville also acquired defenceman Hal Gill earlier this month and sits in fifth place in the Western Conference.

"I think with these trades we've certainly given us a chance to play with the big boys this year when we get in the playoffs," Predators general manager David Poile said.

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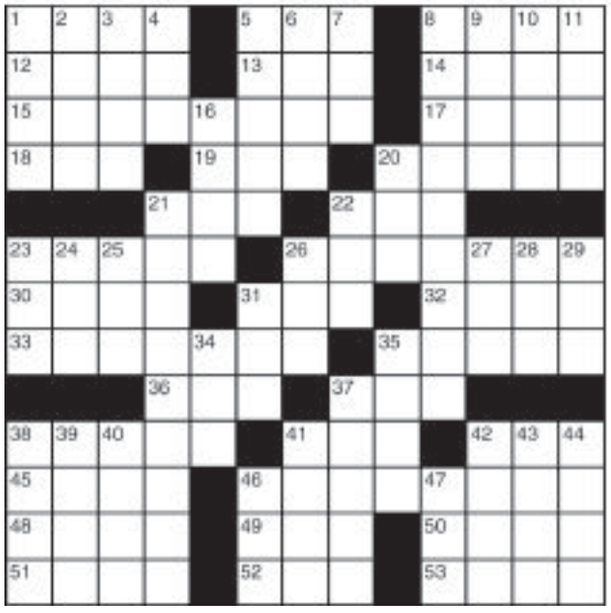

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41 Nickelodeon's explorer
42 Great Lake
43 Arizona city
44 Addict
46 Easter entree, often
47 Wall climber

▶ Monday's answer

Sudoku

9		7			6		1	
				8	5			2
2				1		8		
		2					9	
		4	3		8	2		
	5					7		
		8		4				6
3			1	7				
	2		8			3		4

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Monday's answer ▶

Send a KISS

You can now post your kiss, and read even more kisses, at metronews.ca/kiss.

Lovely Man
Been a long time since I dreamed of you. Woke up to your fading face this morn, & I struggled to hold onto the sight. They say it was lust, but I remember feeling more. Wonder when I will hear from you or have the good fortune of laying eyes on you again, even if in passing. I know it's wrong, but it felt so right.
FROM NATURALLY ALL-BRAN

To BT
Do everything by your heart originally you will be stronger. **FROM AL**

my love
you know you got the power to make me weak inside! Even forever doesnt seem like long enough, maybe im a drifter maybe not all i know is that everytime i try to rise above im swept away by love. Powerful as hate can be, you will always mean the world to me.
FROM YOUR LOVE

A look at the weather

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Min -18°	Min -9°	Min -11°
Max -4°	Max -3°	Max -1°

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Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Something will happen that compels you to question a belief or an attitude that has been a part of your life for as long as you can remember.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
You don't need the approval of family or friends or work colleagues to do what you know to be right.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You will surprise more than a few people today by how easily you move from one set of circumstances to another.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Stay focused on your number one objective and don't let anything else that might be going on around you tempt you off at a tangent.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Someone will make you an interesting offer today but you need to be certain it is right for you before you accept.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
It's kiss and make up time.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You've been working your fingers to the bone and need to go easier on yourself for a while.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
You will be in an assertive mood today and that's good.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Don't expect other people to think logically and act in predictable ways.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Most likely you will do something today that leaves everyone around you open-mouthed in amazement.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You may be having your doubts about a commitment of some kind. If so you will need to make a decision today: either you pull out now or stay with it for the long haul.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Something will not work out the way you expected, but it really doesn't matter. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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